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I. Scholarships and Fellowships

MERIT AWARDS UP TO \$52,000 AT CARROLL COLLEGE

Big scholarships await - private education is affordable at Carroll College! All first year international students are automatically considered for four year merit awards ranging from \$28,000-\$52,000 (divided over 4 years).



Scholarships are based on a combination of secondary school GPA and official SAT or ACT results.

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MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS TO INTERNATIONAL FRESHMAN APPLICANTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND

The University of Rhode Island offers merit scholarships to international freshman applicants. The preferred deadline for scholarships is **December 1, 2010**. (encourage applicants to Pharmacy and Nursing to apply by this early action deadline.) The Common Application is also accepted, which is easily accessible on the university website.



URI is a safe and scenic campus, only 16 kilometers away from the beautiful beaches along the Rhode Island coastline. There is also a train station nearby, which makes it easy to travel to such major cities as Boston (121 kilometers) and New York City (257 kilometers).

URI offers 80 majors in their seven degree-granting colleges: Arts and Sciences, Business Administration (AACSB accredited), Engineering (with ABET accredited programs), Environment & Life Sciences, Human Science and Services, Nursing, and Pharmacy.

For more information, visit: www.uri.edu/admission. For questions, email Nancy Stricklin: mnancys@uri.edu.



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COMPETITIVE GRADUATE AWARD OVER \$7000 AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

The Competitive Graduate Award (CGA) program supports highly qualified new students, including students from underrepresented groups, who are accepted into advanced degree programs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE).



On average, students are awarded \$7,425 to cover stipend and tuition waiver for Fall and Spring semesters. Applicants must be new graduate students, in first term of enrollment as a classified student in a graduate degree program at SIUE.

For more information, visit http://bit.ly/d5Mb4h.



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FELLOWSHIPS WITH STIPEND OF UP TO \$50,000 AT WELLESLEY COLLEGE

Susan and Donald Newhouse Center for the Humanities at Wellesley College The Newhouse Center for the Humanities will host three to six external fellows for the academic year 2011-2012. Residencies are ordinarily for the full academic year, but one-semester residencies can also be considered.

ble. Stipended Faculty

WELLESLEY

Newhouse External Fellows are chosen through open competition and are open to both junior and senior faculty members at other institutions. Both stipended and un-stipended fellowships are available. Stipended Faculty Fellowships carry a stipend of up to \$50,000 for two semesters. All categories of fellows will receive private office space, some clerical support, technical and computing resources, and the collegiality of both the Center and the Wellesley community at large. In addition, research funds of up to \$3,000 (pro-rated for one-semester residencies) will be available to all fellows for books, professional travel, access to collections and other associated costs of scholarly research.

For more information and how to apply: http://www.newhouse-center.org/apply.php



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II. News You Can Use

LIFE AFTER 'TEST-OPTIONAL'

CHE, October 28, 2010 By Eric Hoover

Washington — Much has been said about the mystique of the SAT, the nation's most infamous test. But there's also a sense of mystery about colleges that don't require applicants to submit standardized-test scores. A common question: How, exactly, do admissions staffs at such colleges evaluate the applications of non-submitters? And what's life after dropping testing requirements?

At the College Board's annual conference here, several admissions officers at "test-optional" colleges have shared some answers. Melissa Falk, associate dean of admission and financial aid at Muhlenberg College, said reading the files of a non-submitter requires more time than reading the files of other applicants. That's because Muhlenberg requires applicants who don't send their scores to submit a copy of a graded paper, and to participate in an interview, either in person or by telephone. "It adds another level of subjectivity," Ms. Falk said.

Read more at the Chronicle of Higher Education: http://bit.ly/9HvuSO.

BLACK HILLS STATE UNIVERSITY REDUCES TUITION FOR ALL NON-RESIDENT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Black Hills State University (BHSU), located in scenic Spearfish, has recently instituted a great new opportunity for international students. BHSU is now charging reduced non-resident tuition for all international students. This brings the yearly cost at this great 4 year public university to:

Tuition and Fees: \$6,410.40 (12 credit hours)
Room: \$2,737.70 (double room)
Board: \$2,991.70 (highest meal plan)

Total: \$12,139.80 USD *does not include living expenses estimated at USD \$1,800 per

year*

This new cost for international students at Black Hills State University is a 38% reduction in cost over the out-of-state tuition that was previously charged. BHSU is proud to offer this reduction in tuition, however, it does not offer any further specific international student scholarships, though it does offer department scholarships for excellent students.

For more information, please feel free contact Brian More at brian.more@bhsu.edu.



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COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM OFFERS UNIQUE GRADUATE PROGRAM

Now in its fifth year, Columbia University School of Journalism is offering a unique graduate program which might interest some of your grantees. A number of international students on Fulbright scholarship programs have chosen to enroll in recent years. Unlike the Journalism School's Master of Science program, which teaches students the essential skills required of every journalist, our Master of Arts program provides each student with an individualized education in the field he or she hopes to cover. Applicants select a concentration: arts and culture, business, politics, or science: health and the environment. Once enrolled, a student's area of focus can be as broad as "business" or as specific as architecture or bioethics.



Each student comes to the program already having demonstrated competency in reporting and writing. For the most part our students are reporters, editors, and producers who have years (and, in some cases, decades) of experience, but feel they are lacking the foundation to do more challenging stories—often on complex or technical subjects.

Take Greg Callus, who had been freelancing for one of Britain's most-read political blogs, politicalbetting.com, for several years before applying for a Fulbright. After winning the grant, he chose to study political journalism at Columbia. Through the M.A. program, he's been able to explore his overlapping interests in policy, media, and business. He's taken separate courses about the European Union, comparative politics, and media entrepreneurship. Callus says that no matter where his career takes him, he's "never going to stop writing articles and books." Recent Fulbright students have also come from countries including Greece, Spain, Pakistan, Mexico, South Africa, Belgium, Peru and Norway.

All M.A. students augment high-level courses inside the journalism school with electives taken at Columbia's other departments and professional schools. The intention is to provide the kind of intellectual grounding that enables a journalist to delve deeper into a story, asking the kind of questions an expert in the field might pose and evaluating evidence. The program attracts students who might otherwise enroll in another kind of degree program: an MBA, a Master's in Political Science, or perhaps a public health degree. We give them the same access to top experts and cutting-edge thinking, but the framing is always journalistic. They write stories, not research papers, and conduct interviews instead of studies. Fortunately, we have been able to offer very generous financial assistance during the first several years of the program. And we have secured ongoing support from nonprofits including the Carnegie Foundation and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The M.A. program's content-based approach to journalism education seems particularly apt today, as the industry becomes increasingly specialized. Indeed, even in this challenging environment, graduates have found jobs with some of the most esteemed news organizations, including *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, The NewsHour, *Pro Publica*, and CNN. They are also writing books, producing independent documentaries, and freelancing for a variety of media outlets.

M.A. brochure online: http://bit.ly/cguVsQ. If you have questions, please contact Christine Souders: cs2534@columbia.edu. Applications for next year's M.A. class are due on January 15, 2011.



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